

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1170

Briscoe Barn 'E' is located on a small, tenant-run, tobacco barn in St. Leonard. This early 20th century tobacco barn is associated with a farmhouse and two other barns of similar date. Measuring 30 x 64 feet this barn exhibits longitudinal tier poles, seen in only two other barns in the county. Construction materials include circular sawn timbers, wire nails, and poured concrete piers.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

Briscoe Barn 'E'

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Mackall Road (Maryland Route 265) not for publicationcity, town St. Leonard x Mutual vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <u>x</u> occupied	<u> </u> <u>x</u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> <u>x</u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> <u>x</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cassandra Briscoe, et al

street & number St. Leonard telephone no.: 301/586-1343

city, town MD 20685 state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse JLB 79

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 141 p.94

city, town Prince Frederick MD state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(see attached description)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(see attached statement of significance)

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7. DESCRIPTION (CT-1170):

The Briscoe Barn 'E' is located on the west side of Mackall Road approximately one and a half miles from its intersection with Broomes Island Road. The barn is located on a small sharecropper's tract which is part of the Briscoe property. The farm includes an early 20th century farmhouse, a trailer and two other tobacco barns (CT 1165, 1171). Briscoe Barn 'E' dates to the first half of the 20th century.

This 30 x 64 foot (16 room typically) is another example of a barn constructed with tier poles running the length of the barn (with the ridge or facade line). It is not unusual in size or plan, and the materials are standard, circular sawn timbers and wire nails. The medium weight timber frame is supported on poured concrete piers.

The roof of Briscoe Barn 'E' is covered in standing seam metal sheets and is supported on common rafters at four foot intervals which rest on a flat false plate. The barn has windbraces and four collars.

The tobacco hanging system consists of circular sawn and peeled log tier poles separated by 46 inch vertical distance.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (CT-1170):

Briscoe Barn 'E' is a good example of a mid-20th century aisle plan tobacco barn and draws its significance from its association with tobacco production, from its unique architectural feature (longitudinal placement of tier poles), and through its association with the Briscoe family.

Constructed of all standard, machine sawn materials, the barn was built to cure a fairly large amount of tobacco and was designed for easy vehicular access. The longitudinal placement of the tier poles (seen also in the nearby Plumer-Cranford Barn 'B'- CT-1031) is an interesting variation. Similar variations have been observed at the University of Maryland Agricultural Research Facility in Largo, where researchers investigate labor-saving methods of producing tobacco.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco, transportation, sharecropping

Geographic Organization: western shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1940-present

Resource Type(s): tobacco barn

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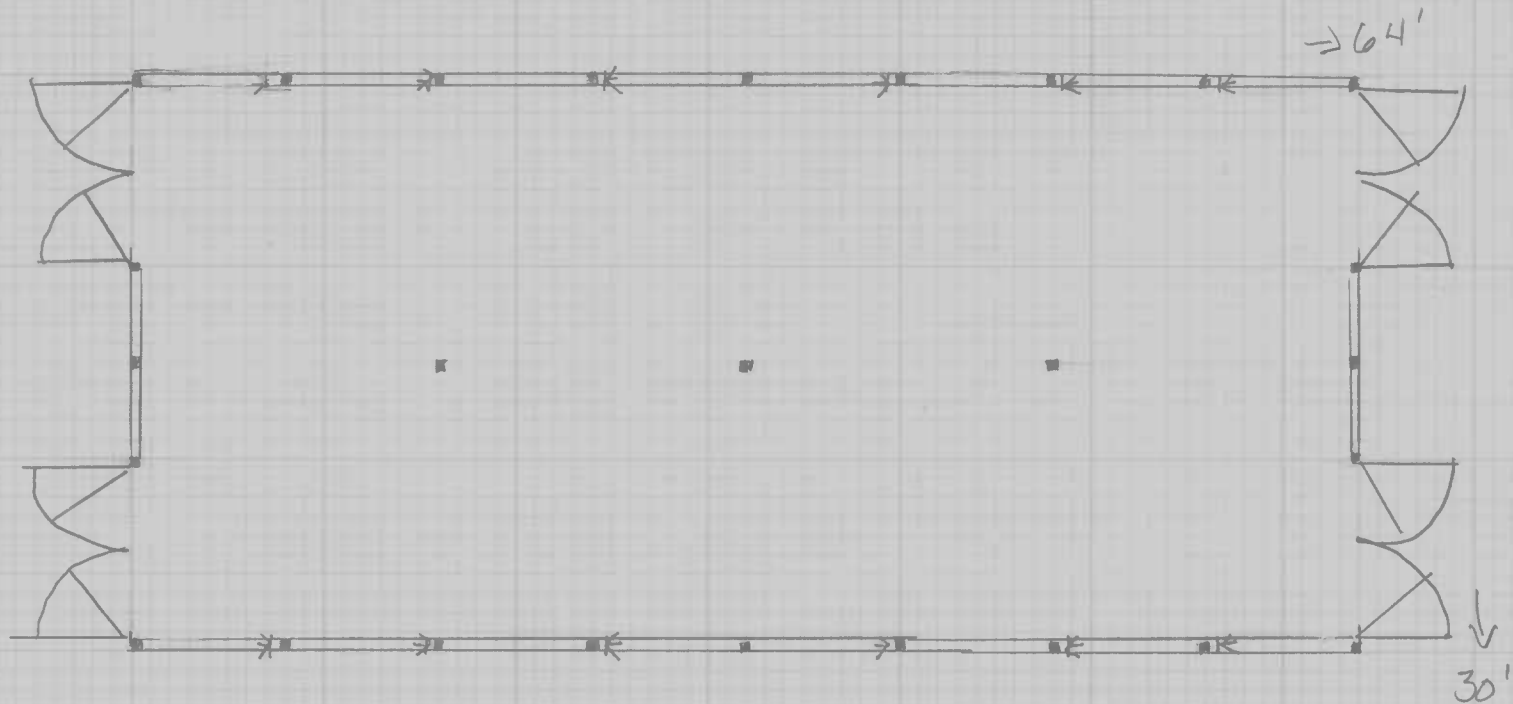
Private	Occupied
PJM/TW	Unaltered
Original site	Sunny
Good condition	east-west axis

Vertical siding, one single plank, side hinged vent door per room
Standing seam metal roof; common rafter on 4' centers, flat false plate, windbraces' 4 collars
Vertical planks seal area below sill
Poured concrete piers
All timbers circular sawn
Very similar to Cranford-Plumer Barn 'B'
Tier poles, circ sawn and peeled log; 46 " vertical
Poles ([2] 2 x 6) at 16' intervals down central axis of barn.
all bays eight feet
note tier poles run longitudinally

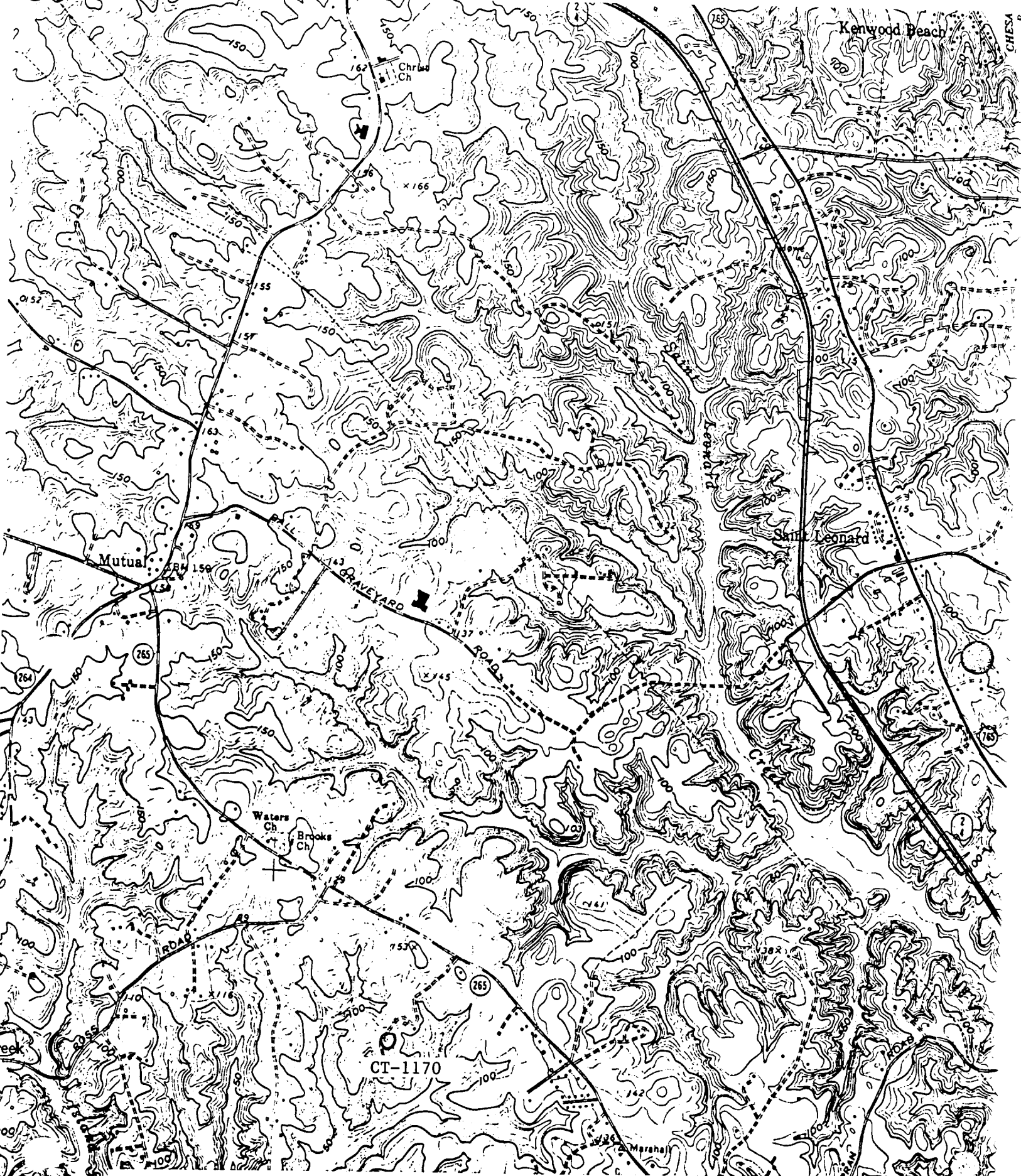
BRISCOE BARN #2143
MACKALL RD

6/14/90 CW

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Same vertical section as Briscoe Barn
on Mackall Rd. closer to JPPM



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, BROOMES ISLAND 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1986



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SHADE Barn 'E'

St. Leonard

Ford L. N. (1990)

North

June 1990